COMMUNITY CONNECTION CHULA VISTA



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Extreme Makeover... Chula Vista Style!

A typical neighborhood home in Chula Vista has been transformed into extraordinary, efficient, attractive, comfortable, and cost-effective. The City of Chula Vista and several partners teamed up to complete the makeover. The home, located at 590 Fig Avenue, has been remodeled to achieve more than 50 percent in energy savings.

During the next year, the Chula Vista Sustainable Energy Showcase Home will be highlighted through public open houses for the Energy Upgrade California Community Savings Initiative (the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon), onsite contractor and student trainings, and video case studies. The home also will serve as a demonstration site for other Energy Upgrade California events, and the Chula Vista Home Upgrade, Carbon Downgrade Program. These programs help to inform homeowners of the benefits of home energy upgrades and through special discounts, incentives, and 0% interest loans make upgrades more affordable.

For more information on the Chula Vista Sustainable Energy Showcase Home and the City's First-Time Homebuyer Program, please visit www.chulavistaca.gov/clean.



Effective July 1, 2012, it will be mandatory for businesses within the State of California to recycle. Assembly Bill 341, signed by the Governor last fall, requires businesses to separate recyclable materials from trash and either self-haul, or allow the pickup of recyclables. Additionally, AB 341 includes a statewide policy goal of diverting 75 percent of discarded material from landfill disposal.

The City of Chula Vista has had a mandatory recycling ordinance for all residents since the early 1990s. As a result of AB 341, the City is now required to monitor and annually report the percentage of Chula Vista businesses that are in compliance or non-compliance, the total volume of materials diverted from the landfill, and associated public education and outreach activities.

If your business is not currently recycling - you don't have to wait until July to comply. Simply call the City's Environmental Services Division at (619) 691-5122 and speak to a Recycling Specialist for a free consultation. We can help develop your recycling program, including employee training (in Spanish or English), define what is recyclable, and the logistics of getting recyclables to Allied Waste's collection containers or self-hauled to a recycler.

For more information, go to: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling.





Did You Know...

Our fine city is featured in this month's issue of San Diego Magazine! Check out the story about the U.S. Olympic Training Center athletes getting ready for London 2012 who train right here in Chula Vista and the "Art Meets Trash" art exhibit currently on display at the Chula Vista Nature Center. The Nature Center, located at the foot of E Street, is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The City's Recreation Department is providing free swim suits to young swimmers and water polo players in need. The new donated suits are available to children and teens who demonstrate financial need, and are actively participating in a competitive aquatic program or registered for swim lessons with the City of Chula Vista. More than 200 swim suits were donated by Lincoln Aquatics, Knotts Soak City, Q Swimwear, and the Make a Splash Program through USA Swimming. The program will continue through March 30 while supplies last. Visit www.chulavistaca.gov/rec or call (619) 691-5088 for more details.

Upcoming Events

Local live and performance arts, interactive arts for children and adults, food vendors and more will be featured at the heART on Center event Saturday, February 11. Located on Center Street at Third Avenue in downtown Chula Vista, the free family event will be held from 4-8 p.m.

Budget Workshops

The City of Chula Vista has made great progress in climbing out of a huge budget hole. City finances are getting back on track thanks to the hard work and dedication of residents, community and business leaders, as well as City officials and staff. The City has implemented pension reform, downsized staff, and established efficiency and streamlining measures. However, more work is needed.

What is the revenue forecast in the coming years and what is needed to ensure the City can provide core services? What are your ideas to improve the financial future for the City of Chula Vista? How can the City generate more revenues to provide core services?

Join City staff at a workshop, Tuesday, February 21, City Hall Council Chambers OR Thursday, February 23 at the Otay Ranch Town Center (please visit our web page www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/budget for updated location information). Both workshops will be from 6-7:30 p.m.

You also may provide input using our interactive form at the same link as above. And, a special telephone line has been set up to record your budget revenue suggestions. Please call (619) 407-3556 and leave your message.

For more information, call the Office of Communications at (619) 691-5296, or email communications@chulavistaca.gov.



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